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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 11, 2008, this Amendment is hereby submitted. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration. The period to respond is extended and payment of the appropriate fees are provided herewith.

A Claims Section begins on page 2 of this reply.

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